



Farm Service Agency

SAN JUAN/GRAND FSA NEWSLETTER

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Emergency Conservation Program—Hauling Water for Livestock

Producers approved for ECP Hauling Water for Livestock need to be mindful of the following:

- Water Hauling ends September 28, 2006
- In order to receive cost share payments you need to return Form AD-245, Page 2 signed and dated where indicated, and you must return your water hauling log completed and signed.
- If you have misplaced your water hauling log contact our office and we will send you a new one.
- All water hauling practices will expire November 17, 2006.

All paperwork needs to be completed and returned to the office by this date.

COC Elections

Upcoming County Committee Elections will be held for Area 2, Monticello North and Area 4, Blanding. Election ballots will be mailed out to eligible voters in these 2 areas on November 3, 2006.

If you farm/ranch in one of these two areas and don't receive a ballot, please notify the county office. Completed and signed ballots are due back in the county office by December 4, 2006.

Newly elected committee members take office on January 1, 2007

NAP Deadline Approaches!

The NAP (Non Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program) can soften financial losses caused by natural disasters, but only if you have applied for coverage and paid the application fee.

NAP provides coverage on crops in the county that are non-insurable. NAP fees are \$100 per crop, not to exceed \$300 per producer, per county.

December 1, 2006 is the final day to sign up for coverage on perennial crops for the 2007 crop year. This would include non-irrigated alfalfa, grass hay and grazed forage (pasture and rangeland.)

Note: All livestock producers should buy the \$100 coverage on their pasture and rangeland each year. This is a small fee for coverage that can pay large returns during drought years.

Late Filed Acreage Report

Anyone who has not filed a 2006 acreage report, needs to as soon as possible. Acreage reports are required for eligibility for most programs such as the Farm Program (DCP), LDP's, and NAP. Remember no payments can be made for your farm until your acreage report is done. The deadline to do this was June 30, 2006 so you will be charged a \$20 late file fee per farm. Please contact the FSA Office to ensure that your crops have been reported.

Commodity Loans

Commodity Loans are available to all farmers growing eligible commodities. These loans provide capital to farmers enabling them to hold their crop off the market and benefit from price increases that may come after harvest.

Commodity Loans mature in 9 months. Loan rates are as follows:

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| • Hard Red Winter | \$2.78 Bu |
| • Oats | \$1.38 Bu |
| • Safflower | \$8.53 Cwt |

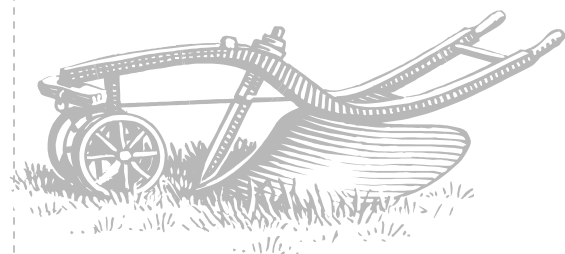
Producers are reminded that they are responsible for maintaining the quality of commodities in farm storage. They will also be subject to penalties applicable to unauthorized removal or disposition if CCC loan collateral is moved or disposed of without prior approval from the FSA county office.

Emergency Loans

San Juan and Grand Counties are eligible for emergency loans due to Drought and Freezing.

If you have suffered at least a 30% loss below normal production, you may be eligible. Deadline to file applications is March 13, 2007 for Freezes and May 1, 2007 for Drought.

For further information, contact Carla Sorrell at (435) 587-2473 ext. 116.



CRP Cover Maintenance

You are required to maintain your Conservation Reserve Program acres according to the conservation plan you agreed to with the Natural Resources Conservation Service technician. You need to make sure you:

- Have adequate approved vegetative cover to control erosion for the contract period
- Control weeds and other types of undesirable vegetation
- Take control measures outside of the primary nesting season



Please keep in mind mowing for cosmetic purposes is prohibited. That is why it is important to review your conservation plan and talk to NRCS if you think undesirable plant species are invading your CRP land.

EQIP Sign-up

The NRCS 2007 EQIP signup is open. Anyone interested in signing up for conservation practices such as terracing, fencing, brush management, range seeding and livestock water development need to come in sometime between now and November 15th. This year we will also be offering cost share payments for stand alone management practices such as residue management and prescribed grazing. For more information call Don at (435) 587-2473 ext 118 to make an appointment.

Dates to Remember

TODAY	Turn in CCC-633 EZ page 1 to request LDP before losing beneficial interest
TODAY	Report Farm Changes
Sept. 19	COC Meeting
Oct. 1	2006 DCP final payments paid
Oct. 1	2007 DCP sign-up begins
Oct. 9	Office Closed – Columbus Day
Oct. 17	COC Meeting
Nov. 3	COC Election ballots mailed
Dec. 1	2007 NAP sign-up deadline
Dec. 4	Last day to return voted ballots

County Information

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